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In re: Jian Zhao Confirmation No.: 7678
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COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
37 CFR § 1.115

Dear Sir:

As a supplement to the Preliminary Amendment filed November 21, 2002, please consider the application based on the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Preliminary Amendment filed by Applicants on November 21, 2002, Applicants added a *Cross Reference to Related Applications* to demonstrate that the present application was filed as a continuation application of PCT/CN01/00797, filed May 15, 2001 and claims the benefit of Chinese Patent Application No. 00107632.9, filed May 19, 2000. Applicants respectfully request entry of this priority claim and of the *Cross-Reference to Related Applications* provided in the November 21, 2002 Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that a proper priority claim was made within four months of the filing of the present application as required by 37 CFR 1.55. In particular, as set forth in the third paragraph of MPEP 201.14(b), a claim for priority "may appear in the oath or declaration, an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.76), or the application transmittal letter with the recitation of the foreign application." See MPEP 201,13 paragraph A. Applicants filed a declaration concurrent with the filing of the present application that claimed priority on both the